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FROM US MBFR REPRESENTATIVE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, NATO
SUBJ: MBFR: TREATMENT OF PRESS LEAK ON NEW WESTERN DATA PROPOSAL

1. ON JULY 15, REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT IN VIENNA FILED STORY STATING THAT WEST HAD PUT FORWARD A NEW DATA PROPOSAL TO THE EAST IN JULY 15 INFORMAL SESSION. IN DISCUSSION AMONG UK, FRG AND US REPS JULY 16, THE THREE REPS AGREED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING LINE IN THE EVENT OF PRESS INQUIRIES AND TO RECOMMEND IT TO THE AD HOC GROUP FOR GENERAL ALLIED USE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

Q. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE DATA DISCUSSION AND WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE NEW WESTERN PROPOSAL? DOES IT CONCERN DISAGGREGATION AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS? DOES IT CONFIDENTIAL

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INVOLVE NATIONAL FIGURES?

A. WE CAN CONFIRM THAT THE WEST HAS MADE A NEW PROPOSAL. THE PRINCIPLE OF CONFIDENTIALITY MAKES IT INAPPROPRIATE TO GIVE ANY FURTHER DETAILS AT THIS POINT.

Q. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ASK WHAT THE EASTERN REACTION

TO THE WESTERN DATA PROPOSAL HAS BEEN.

A. THEY HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD GIVE US THEIR
REACTION AT A LATER TIME. END TEST

3. WE SUGGEST THAT ADDRESSEES MAY WISH TO FOLLOW
SIMILAR LINE IN DEALING WITH POSSIBLE PRESS QUESTIONS ON
THIS ISSUE. THE EAST HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO THE WEST'S
NEW PROPOSAL AND MAY NOT DO SO FOR SOME TIME. IT IS
IMPORTANT TO AVOID A SITUATION WHERE DETAILS OF THE WESTERN
PROPOSAL BECOME PUBLIC AND THE EAST FEELS COMPELLED AS A
CONSEQUENCE TO TAKE A PUBLIC POSITION EMPHASIZING THAT ITS
PROPOSAL TO TABLE NATIONAL DATA IS A BETTER ONE.

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